

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: JANUARY 3, 2022

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Robert B. Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson, and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Brad Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Wyman offered a word of prayer.

REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS FOR 2022:

Commissioner Bray made a motion to leave the Reorganization of the Board of Commissioners as is for 2022. Commissioner Wyman seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Commissioner Dodd opposed the Reorganization of the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the regular meeting held on December 29, 2021, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

HOWARD HAVEN:

Approval of New Resident at Howard Haven:

Howard Haven Director Jennifer Brower submitted an application for a new resident to be approved. The resident's name is on file in the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Wyman stated that the resident is approved subject to a 90-day probation period. The new resident was approved to move in subject to a 90-day probation period as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on December 30, 2021, in the amount of \$866,740.02 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expense:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on December 30, 2021, in the amount of \$884,644.68 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims for payment on January 3, 2022, in the amount of \$261,312.20 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Memorandum of Understanding Between Howard County and Turning Point:

County Attorney Alan Wilson submitted the Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and Turning Point; this is a renewal of the two-year Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Bray made a motion to approve the two-year Memorandum of Understanding between Howard County and Turning Point. Commissioner Dodd

seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Commissioner Wyman has abstained from voting due to serving on Turning Point's Board.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS ISSUES:

Amendment to the Commissioners' Meeting Schedule for 2022:

Commissioner Wyman submitted the amended 2022 Howard County Commissioners Scheduled Meeting Dates. Changes include moving the dates from August 8th and 22nd to August 1st and 15th. The amended dates were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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